FOREIGN CLAIMS SETTLEMENT COMMISSION OF THE UNITED STATES WASHINGTON, D.C. 20579

In the Matter of the Claim of

LILIANA TORRES

Claim No.CU -3895

Order No. CU-95

Under the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

This claim against the Government of Cuba, under Title V of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended, was opened by the Commission, on behalf of LILIANA TORRES, for an unstated amount, based upon certain losses which may have been sustained as a result of actions by the Government of Cuba since January 1, 1959.

Under Title V of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949 [78 Stat. 1110 (1964) 22 U.S.C. §§1643-1643k (1964), as amended, 79 Stat. 988 (1965)], the Commission is given jurisdiction over claims of nationals of the United States against the Government of Cuba. Section 503(a) of the Act provides that the Commission shall receive and determine in accordance with applicable substantive law, including international law, the amount and validity of claims by nationals of the United States against the Government of Cuba arising since January 1, 1959 for

losses resulting from the nationalization, expropriation, intervention or other taking of, or special measures directed against, property including any rights or interests therein owned wholly or partially, directly or indirectly at the time by nationals of the United States.

Section 502(3) of the Act provides:

The term 'property' means any property, right, or interest including any leasehold interest, and debts owed by the Government of Cuba or by enterprises which have been nationalized, expropriated, intervened, or taken by the Government of Cuba and debts which are a charge on property which has been nationalized, expropriated, intervened, or taken by the Government of Cuba.

This claim was filed on June 30, 1967, by the Commission on behalf of LILIANA TORRES on the basis of information received by the Commission that she had been unable to return to the United States. By letter of August 30, 1967, the Commission directed an inquiry to the associates and relatives of the claimant, requesting information as to the nature of any property interests claimant might have had in Cuba. In a letter received January 15, 1968, LILIANA TORRES, responded to the Commission's inquiry, and requested instruction and forms for filing claims.

Thereafter, by letter of March 15, 1968, the Commission made suggestions to Mrs. Torres regarding the filing of claims and provided her with the necessary forms. No reply was received.

On April 22, 1968, Mrs. Torres was advised to comply with the previous suggestions of the Commission and was advised that, absent any evidence, it might become necessary to determine the claim on the basis of the existing record. No evidence has since been submitted.

Accordingly, since Mrs. Torres has neither asserted nor proven her ownership of rights and interests in property which was nationalized, expropriated or otherwise taken by the Government of Cuba, it is

ORDERED that this claim be and it is hereby, dismissed.

Dated at Washington, D. C. and entered as the Order of the Commission

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By Order of the Commission

Francis T. Masterson

Clerk